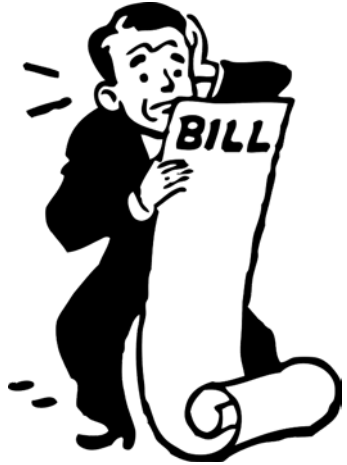


How to Critically Read a Bill

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Then....



and Now....



TEAMWORK



3 Essentials

1. You know what you know - legislators do not know what you know
2. Talk to the proper legislator/chamber:
 - a. House Files (HF) or House Study Bills (HSB) come from House of Representatives
 - b. Senate Files (SF) or Senate Study Bills (SSB) come from Senate
3. Federal vs. State Legislation:
 - a. Federal legislation lowans elected to congress - process happens in Washington DC
 - b. State legislation lowans elected to state legislature - process happens in Des Moines



Basics of Bill Reading

“on the surface”

- Read bills/topics you understand
- Identify & understand facts regarding bills/topic
 - Local/state/federal data
 - Local/state/federal position on topic
- Definitions
 - Previously defined
 - Newly defined
- Read sentence by sentence - key words
 - may vs. shall OR is vs. is not
- Inclusion/consideration of necessary organizations



Other Details of Bill Reading

“below the surface”

- Bill previously introduced
- Companion bill in other chamber
- Single individual or group that introduced bill
- Single party (majority vs. minority) or bi-partisan that introduced bill
- Study bill (SSB or HSB) prior to senate file (SF) or house file (HF)
- Fiscal note on bill



Considerations in Bill Reading “digging really deep”

- Same OR similar legislation passed in other states
 - Effectiveness
 - Evidence based policy
- Some bills have multiple issues leading to complexity
- Policy process takes time (some more than others)
- Small steps forward



Anatomy of a Bill

Bill number

Senate File 2113 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 2113
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2004)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for school employee training relating to
2 suicide awareness and prevention.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Introduced by line

- Individual legislator
- Group of legislators
- Committee

Basic introduction



Anatomy of a Bill

Reference to Iowa Code
Section 272.2 is Iowa Board of Educational Examiners

1 Section 1. Section 272.2, Code 2018, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:
3 NEW SUBSECTION. 21. Adopt rules pursuant to chapter
4 17A requiring persons holding a license, certificate,
5 authorization, or statement of recognition issued by the board
6 who provide a service to students to undergo one hour of
7 training on suicide awareness and prevention as a condition
8 of renewal of the license, certificate, authorization, or
9 statement of recognition. A person may meet this requirement
10 through independent self-review of training materials approved
11 by the board. The board may adopt rules pursuant to chapter
12 17A providing for waiver or suspension of this requirement for
13 a person who is engaged in active duty in the military or for a
14 person who is not living or practicing in this state.

New content - underlined

Explanation

15 EXPLANATION
16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
18 This bill directs the board of educational examiners
19 to adopt administrative rules that condition the renewal
20 of a license, certificate, authorization, or statement of
21 recognition issued by the board upon the holder undergoing
22 one hour of training on suicide awareness and prevention.
23 The requirement applies to persons who provide services to
24 students. The bill permits a person to meet the requirement
25 through independent self-review of training materials approved
26 by the board. The bill authorizes the board to adopt rules
27 providing for waiver or suspension of the requirement for a
28 person who is engaged in active duty in the military or for a
29 person who is not living or practicing in this state.

Line number

Page number



Sample Bill with Comments

MEANING?
PREPARE IN
ADVANCE
OR PROVIDE

AKA "A SCHOOL
NURSE"

WHO IS PROBABLY
"LEGALLY AUTHORIZED"
IS IT THE NURSE?

WHO?
4. ABOVE
SAYS IT
WOULD BE
SCHOOL
NURSE

THIS COVERS
b. IF HAVE
UNPRESCRIBED
EPI PEN

WILL NOT
BE SELF
ADMINISTRATION
IF STUDENT
DOESN'T
GIVE TO
SELF

1 (1) The name and purpose of the medication or epinephrine
2 auto-injector.
3 (2) The prescribed dosage.
4 (3) The times at which or the special circumstances under
5 which the medication or epinephrine auto-injector is to be
6 administered.
7 c. The parent or guardian and the school meet the
8 requirements of subsection \S 5.
9 3. The board of directors of a school district and the
10 authorities in charge of a nonpublic school may authorize
11 the provision of an epinephrine auto-injector that meets
12 a student's prescription on file to the student or to any
13 personnel legally authorized to administer an epinephrine
14 auto-injector to the student.
15 4. The board of directors of a school district and the
16 authorities in charge of a nonpublic school may authorize a
17 school nurse to do any of the following:
18 a. Provide an epinephrine auto-injector that meets a
19 student's prescription on file to the student or any personnel
20 legally authorized to administer an epinephrine auto-injector
21 to the student.
22 b. Administer an epinephrine auto-injector that meets the
23 student's prescription on file to any student for whom the use
24 of epinephrine auto-injector is legally authorized.
25 c. Administer an epinephrine auto-injector to any student
26 whom the school nurse in good faith professionally believes is
27 having an anaphylactic reaction.
28 3. 5. a. The school district or accredited nonpublic
29 school shall notify the parent or guardian of the student,
30 in writing, that the school district or accredited nonpublic
31 school and its employees are to incur no liability, except
32 for gross negligence, as a result of any injury arising from
33 self-administration of medication by the student or use of an
34 epinephrine auto-injector pursuant to the provisions of this
35 section. The parent or guardian of the student shall sign a

MAY OR WILL
MAY IS TOO VAGUE
& LEAVES ROOM
FOR INTERPRETATION

School district
may determine
the provision/purpose
of prescribed epi-pen
to individual student
OR to any personnel
legally authorized.
Who is this
person?

NOT CLEAR

Is this a standing
order for any
student population
???

medication administra-
tion training?

Confusing as
talking about individual
prescription and then to
anyone?

LEGALLY
AUTHORIZE
FOR
INDIVIDUAL
THE MEDICATION
WAS
PRESCRIBED
FOR



Now Let's Read a Bill

- SF2113

S.F. 2113

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Currently have 20 subsections

Board of Educational Examiners

*Teacher
Nurse
Counselor*

? coach

is renewal frequency same for all that would need to complete

*School nurses
1 hour enough?*

?? only as good as person attends to content

*good
good to not make certain populations non-compliant*

This is a start in standardizing suicide awareness/prevention training



IF YOU'RE
WAITING
FOR A SIGN
THIS IS IT

